

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13- 02

ESTABLISHING THE SEQUESTRATION IMPACT RESPONSE TEAM

WHEREAS, the foundation of government and the livelihood and way of life of the people of Hawaii rests in the economy;

WHEREAS, the tentative state of budgetary affairs on the federal level has led to uncertainty at the state level;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State to assess the possible effects that sequestration will have on Hawaii's economy;

WHEREAS, section 26-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes, authorizes the Governor of the State of Hawaii to establish temporary boards and commissions as the Governor "may deem necessary to gather information or furnish advice for the executive branch" and to prescribe the board or commission's organization, functions, and authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor of Hawaii, pursuant to the provisions of section 26-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes, do hereby establish a temporary board to be known as the SEQUESTRATION IMPACT RESPONSE TEAM, and further order as follows:

1. The purpose of the SEQUESTRATION IMPACT RESPONSE TEAM is to assess and provide advice and recommendations on the post-sequestration impacts to Hawaii's economy and government services and programs, including potential effects of furloughs and loss of income.
2. The SEQUESTRATION IMPACT RESPONSE TEAM shall:
  - (a) Serve as the principal advisory group to the Governor and, if so requested, the Hawaii Legislature, on the economic impact of sequestration on Hawaii's economy, the impact of sequestration on government services to Hawaii's people, and the effects on Hawaii's people with respect to the workforce and income.
  - (b) Advise the Governor on specific measures, alternatives and actions that the State should consider to mitigate the impact of sequestration.

- (c) Perform and conduct all other activities necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Executive Order.
- 3. The SEQUESTRATION IMPACT RESPONSE TEAM shall consider the following in formulating its recommendations:
  - (a) In addition to the reports required in paragraph 9, short-term findings and recommendations shall be provided to the Governor within 60 days of the implementation of sequestration.
  - (b) Long-term findings and recommendations shall include a plan to address the long-term effects of sequestration on Hawaii's economy.
- 4. The SEQUESTRATION IMPACT RESPONSE TEAM shall be composed of twenty-five (25) members including the Director of Finance, the Director of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, the Adjutant General, the Superintendent of Education, the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations, and twenty (20) members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor as follows:
  - (a) The President of the Hawaii State Senate, or designee;
  - (b) The Speaker of the Hawaii State House of Representatives, or designee;
  - (c) A representative from the United States Pacific Command;
  - (d) Each member of Hawaii's Congressional delegation, or their respective designee;
  - (e) The Chair of the Council on Revenues, or designee;
  - (f) A representative from each county;
  - (g) A representative from the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation;
  - (h) The President of the Hawaii Bankers Association, or designee;
  - (i) A representative of The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii;
  - (j) The President and CEO of the Hawaii Business Roundtable, or designee;

- (k) A representative from the Metal Trades Council; and
- (l) Three representatives from the non-profit community.

The members may conduct meetings in connection with the purposes of the RESPONSE TEAM and may form sub-committees with non-members as agreed by the RESPONSE TEAM.

5. The members of the RESPONSE TEAM shall serve without compensation, and shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses while attending meetings and while in the discharge of their duties and responsibilities under this Executive Order. The Governor shall appoint replacement RESPONSE TEAM members as necessary.

6. The Director of Finance shall serve as chairperson of the SEQUESTRATION IMPACT RESPONSE TEAM. The Chairperson shall select a vice chairperson to perform the functions of the chairperson in the chairperson's absence, create other offices and elect other subordinate officers, or form any subject matter committees, as the Chairperson deems appropriate. Non-members may be invited by members to serve on RESPONSE TEAM committees and sub-committees, but shall not be entitled to any compensation or reimbursement of expenses. All matters before the RESPONSE TEAM requiring a vote shall be determined by the concurrence of thirteen RESPONSE TEAM members.

7. The SEQUESTRATION IMPACT RESPONSE TEAM shall be a joint effort among state, county, and federal governments as well as the profit and not-for-profit sectors. Additional representatives from government agencies and private sector organizations with an interest in sequestration issues may be asked to participate as non-members upon the invitation of the Chairperson of the RESPONSE TEAM.

8. The SEQUESTRATION IMPACT RESPONSE TEAM shall be convened, staffed and supported by the Department of Budget and Finance.

9. The SEQUESTRATION IMPACT RESPONSE TEAM meetings shall be subject to the Sunshine Law, part I of chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes. A majority of the members to which the RESPONSE TEAM is entitled, shall constitute a quorum to do business and to validate any decision or act of the RESPONSE TEAM. The RESPONSE TEAM shall submit an interim and final written report of its activities and recommendations to the Governor by September 30, 2013 and no later than the last day of the Regular Session of 2014 of the Twenty-Seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii respectively.


10. The SEQUESTRATION IMPACT RESPONSE TEAM may be terminated upon completion of its duties and responsibilities, but no later than the last day of the Regular Session of 2014 of the Twenty-Seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Hawaii.

DONE at the State Capitol, Honolulu,  
State of Hawaii; this 5<sup>th</sup>  
day of April 2013.

  
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NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor of Hawaii

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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David M. Louie  
Attorney General